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(*b*) if not, what are the objections to taking it up this year?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The scheme is scheduled to be taken up in 1953-54 according to the Five Year Plan."

Investigation of the Nagalakunta incident.

* 158 *Q*.—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation about the conduct of the Police with regard to the Nagalakunta incident in February 1951 in Badvel taluk is over; and

(*b*) if so, what is the result of the said investigation?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) On the night of 1st February 1951 at about 10 p.m. a party of men numbering 27, clad in *Kaki* clothes entered Nagalakuntla village shouting a terrorist slogan. A number of them were armed with sticks and spears, and some had fire-arms. Most of them had torch lights. They marched to the centre of the village and fired a few rounds presumably to strike terror. Some explosions were also heard. In the course of the raid, one Dedukula Chapali Babu Sahib was speared to death by the raiders when he offered resistence. The raiders entered about half a dozen houses and looted property including cash and jewels and destroyed promissory notes, clothes, etc. The raid lasted for about two hours. After information was received of this, a Police investigation followed. Complaints were received against the conduct of the Police officials engaged in the investigation. An enquiry was made at the instance of Government as a result of which certain Police officers are being tried by the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings, Madras. Defence witnesses are being examined now and the enquiry, I am informed, may be expected to close in about a month's time. As the matter is under enquiry still, it is not desirable to go into further details."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" I am not going into details, Sir, but I wish to ask if any of the officers against whom complaints have been made, were transferred from that place when the enquiry was started."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The enquiry is being conducted in as just a manner as possible; one of them is under enquiry before a Magistrate and the other officers are before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. These officers will certainly be under care of the Government, as far as justice requires it. I am not able to say where they are now functioning. Their transfer cannot be got by a question and answer."